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tions, to report on the plan, and on methods of carrying it into effect. The committee met in December, 1919, and ratified the coöperative plan with some few modifications. The present president of the committee is Director Russell H. Chittenden, of Yale University, and its secretary Dean J. B. Whitehead of the Johns Hopkins University.

Since the Institute of International Education, in New York, concerns itself with the interchange of college students and teachers from all parts of the world, the committee requested the director, Dr. Stephen P. Duggan, to undertake the negotiations between the committee and the French university administration. The French administration responded cordially to the offer for the annual exchange of a professor. The French have selected, for their first representative, Professor J. Cavalier, rector of the University of Toulouse, a well-known authority on metallurgical chemistry, to come to America this fall, and to divide his time during the ensuing academic year, among the seven coöperating institutions, namely, Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Pennsylvania and Yale.

The American universities have selected as their outgoing representative for the same first year (1921-22), Dr. A. E. Kennelly, professor of electrical engineering at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

SCIENTIFIC ITEMS

WE record with regret the death of Edward Bennett Rosa, chief physicist of the Bureau of Standards

and of Abbott Thayer, the distinguished artist. Readers of this journal will remember Dr. Rosa's recent article on the economic importance of the scientific work of the government and Mr. Thayer's articles on protective coloration.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY has elected as foreign members Dr. Albert Calmette, of the Pasteur Institute; Dr. Henri Deslandres, of the Paris Observatory; Professor Albert Einstein, of the University of Berlin; Professor Albin Haller, of the University of Paris; Professor E. B. Wilson, of Columbia University, and Professor P. Zeeman, of the University of Amsterdam.

PROFESSOR ALBERT EINSTEIN sailed for Liverpool on the *Celtic* on May 30. He has since delivered the Adamson lecture of the University of Manchester and given lectures at King's College, London, and other institutions.

A COMMISSION of five engineers has been appointed to visit England in June to present the John Fritz medal to Sir John Hadfield, in recognition of his scientific research work. The members of the commission are as follows: Dr. Ira N. Hollis, president of Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Charles T. Main, of Boston, representing the American Society of Civil Engineers; Col. Arthur S. Dwight, of New York, representing the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers; Ambrose Swasey, of Cleveland, of the John Fritz medal award board and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and Dr. F. B. Jewett, of New York, of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.